

KILLINA, MUCKLAGH AND THE ISLAND

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1st Sunday of Advent 27th November 2016

Advent is a tough season for the simple reason that by the time we have begun to observe and celebrate the season, the secular world has already moved to the endgame. Announcing the number of shopping days left till Christmas is hardly inductive to preparing spiritually. Even small ways in which we might prepare for the celebration would help. However, perhaps we should give up trying to prepare for the celebration and just celebrate the preparation. Advent is a season that requires more than two clicks. Don't give up after the first candle has been lit on the Advent Wreath and throw your lot in with the Christmas preoccupations. The focus on Isaiah in the daily readings speaks of anticipation and hope. Spend a little time looking around Advent, don't rob yourself of the chance to experience all that it has to offer – Isaiah, John the Baptist, light and darkness, hope and anticipation, a new year and new resolutions. A whole and full fresco of the grace and mercy of God.

KILLINA

Sunday 27th 10.30am:

Mass for Michael, May & Pat O' Brien, Goldsmith's Lot

Followed by Devotions & Blessing of Graves in Killina Churchyard

Tuesday 29th 7.30pm:

Mass for James & Brigid Keegan, Ballykeenaghan

Wednesday 30th 9.00am:

Mass in the Convent

Friday 2nd 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead & Rose & Pat Molloy, Cornalaur

Sunday 4th 10.30am:

Mass for Joseph & Mary Cantwell, Tully

Do this in Memory Mass for the pupils of 2nd Class, Scoil Charthaigh Naofa

THE ISLAND

Saturday 26th 6.00pm:

Mass for Patrick Egan, Ballycumber his sister Catherine Guinan, Dublin
And the deceased members of the Egan family, Deerpark, Ballycumber

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

Friday 2nd 6.30pm:

Mass for Patrick, Ellen, James & Jimmy Kennedy, Clonshanny

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm:

MUCKLAGH CHURCH

Saturday 26th 7.30pm

Mass for Vincent Flaherty, Screggan, his parents Vincent & Elizabeth
And his brothers Kevin & Paschal

Sunday 27th 9.00am:

Sunday 27th 12noon:

Mass for Margaret Murphy, Charleville View
And also for John Lucey, Mucklagh

Tuesday 29th 9.00am:

Wednesday 30th 7.30pm:

Thursday 1st 9.00am:

Friday 2nd 7.30pm:

Mass for all those on the List of the Dead

And for Pat Lacey & his mother Betty, Ballybrittas

Saturday 3rd 7.30pm:

Mass for Pat Dunne, St. O' Hara's & Paddy & Bridget Barron, Charleville Forest

Sunday 4th 9.00am:

Sunday 4th 12noon:

Do this in Memory Mass for the pupils of 2nd Class, St. Colman's School

Perpetual Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament takes place:-

Killina Church

- every Monday from 3pm to 10pm.

The Island

- postponed until further notice.

Mucklagh

- every Thursday from 9.30am to 8.00pm.

Holy Hour Convent, Killina - every Thursday - from 2pm to 3pm.

Offertory/Plate:

Killina €0.00

The Island €0.00

Mucklagh €0.00

Dev Fund:

Killina & The Island €0.00

Mucklagh €0.00

Kindly Note: The weekly amount was not available when Newsletter was going to print this week. It will be printed next week. Thank You

In Memory: Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Gannon (nee Cleary)**, Kilcock, Kildare and formally Ballinamere (sister of Joe and Donal Cleary, Ballinamere) who died on the 19th November. Her funeral took place in the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Kilcock followed by burial in the adjoining Cemetery. May she rest in peace

Our Lady Queen of Peace Monthly Prayer Groups: The monthly parish prayer group (change of time) will now take place on the **1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm** and the Children's Mass will be on the **last Thursday of the month at 7.00pm**. All are very welcome.

Our Parish Christian Community: Welcomes Ben Lewis Colsh, College View, Rahan who was baptised in St. Carthage's Church, Killina on the 19th November

Killina Churchyard Devotions: Devotions and Blessing of the Graves will take place after the 10.30am Mass on the 27th November. All are very welcome as we pray for each and every person buried in Killina Churchyard. May they rest in peace

Kindly Note: The Parish office will re-open on Thursday 1st December. Thank You

Rahan Community Alert: Our Annual Church Gate Collection takes place on Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th December at all Churches in the parish. The wrist monitor alarms plus the 'bottle in the fridge' are still available for anyone who wants them just ring Ann on 087 985 1819, watch out for elderly folk during cold weather. Thanks.

List of the Dead: Envelopes are now available at the church doors. All those on the List of the Dead are included in the First Friday Masses in the three Churches of the Parish

Rahan Hall Christmas Bazaar: A very sincere word of thanks to a huge team of people who made the bazaar a great success last Sunday 20th November in Rahan Hall. To the hall committee and to the many helpers who gave of their time and energy for many hours of preparation and on the day. And also, thanks to the large crowd of people who came along and supported this great Parish Community event

Dates to Remember: Parish Draw: Rahan Parish Community Christmas Draw will take place on the 4th December, 2016. Two tickets will be dropped in to all the houses of the Parish. Many thanks for the great support.

Christmas Carol Service: This year the Christmas Carol Service will take place in The Island Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 11th December. Many thanks to all the choirs taking part and to all who are involved in the preparation of the event. A meeting will take place in the Island Church meeting room on Thursday 1st December at 8.00pm to plan the event. All are very welcome

Rahan Parish Community Christmas Draw: The Annual Parish Christmas draw will take place on Sunday 4th December in Newtown School at 3.00pm and we ask you to drop back the tickets to the Sacristy or the Parochial Houses. Many thanks for the wonderful support to one and all

Mucklagh Community Centre: Aileen Kavanagh B:A in fine Arts local artist from Screggan has expressed interest to teach art classes in our community centre, if you are interested please contact 0851261216 or email Mucklaghcd@gmail.com for more details, all welcome. Also we would like to invite you all to a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre after 9am Mass in Mucklagh until 11.00am every Tuesday morning. €1 for tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

Rahan Comhaltas News: At a recent committee meeting of Rahan comhaltas we discussed how we can get members involved in more music events. The first suggestion agreed involves creating two panels of musicians willing to play for local masses. The two panels would be available to play alternate masses. This would ensure more musicians would get to play at mass and also ensure no one musician will have to do every mass. We would like to encourage all members young and old to volunteer to play at mass. You can indicate your interest in being involved by texting Deidre Byrne. Next we discussed upcoming events that are on the horizon where we need our members to perform. The one of greatest interest is the Carol Service which will be held on the 11 December 2016 at 7pm in the Island Church. It will be a lovely service and we would hope to see every one there. The annual Mummies are scheduled to run in New Inn Galway on the weekend of the 7th of January with the seniors on Saturday night and the juniors on Sunday. Rahan Comhaltas hope to field a senior and junior team for the event. Anyone who is interested in taking part please express their interest to the committee as soon as possible.

Mucklagh Active Retirement Group: Do you like a game of Cards, indoor bowls, gentle exercises or just like to sit and chat? Then come along to Mucklagh Community Centre on Tuesdays at 3.00pm. All welcome

Social Dance Classes in Ballinamere GAA Hall: Learn to dance the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quick Step & Jive. Every Friday night at 8.30pm. No partners needed. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gerry on 087 7745909

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage 2017: The annual Parish Pilgrimage 2017 is to enjoy the splendours of Tuscany, based at Viareggio from October 1st-8th. Special booking offer of €995, half board before December 23rd. Call MAP Travel at 01 8783111 or patricia@maptravel.ie Further information from Kingscourt Parish Office at 042 9667314

Starting your own Business Course (Tullamore): Commencing in Tullamore on Monday 5th followed by Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December 2016 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Course fee only €70, or free to JSB or JSA payment recipients. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Local Enterprise Office Offaly, on 057 9357480 or visit our website www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly